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In re Application of)
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 Andrew Goldsborough) Filing Under 35 USC 371
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 Serial No.) PCT/GB00/01190
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 For: CLEAVAGE OF NUCLEIC ACID)
 FROM SOLID SUPPORTS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application
 please enter the following amendments:

Amend claims 2, 4-7, 9, 10-13, 17-21, 22, 25, 26 and 27 and
 add new claim 28 as shown below. A marked up copy of the amended
 claims is attached.

Added Claim 28

28. A method as claimed in a chimeric molecule as claimed
 in claim 15 or 16, wherein said linker sequence is immobilized or
 provided with means for immobilization to a solid support.